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## VBT Police arrest Coskie for murder

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Kenneth William Coskie, 73, of Van Buren Township has been charged with first-degree, premeditated murder, felony firearm, and habitual offender in the shooting death of Eric Williams, 44, also of VBT.



Coskie

Coskie was arraigned before Judge David M. Parrott on Friday afternoon at the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court in Romulus.

He is being held on \$1 million cash bond and is scheduled to appear before Judge Brian A. Oakley for a preliminary (probable-cause) exam at 9 a.m. April 23 at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court.

In a press release issued Thursday, VBT Police Lt. Kenneth Floro said at 7:54 p.m., Wednesday, April 9, VBT police were dispatched to 49170 Michigan Avenue for a report of shots fired.

While searching the residence and the area immediately surrounding the property, police officers found Williams lying on the ground with a severe injury to his abdomen and chest. He was not breathing, did not have a pulse, and was deceased from an apparent gunshot wound, Lt. Floro said in the release.

VBT police secured the area and started an investigation to secure possible witnesses and preserve evidence. The VBT Investigative Division and Evidence Technician Team responded to the scene to assume control of the investigation.

During the course of the investigation, police detained Coskie for questioning and later charged him with the murder.



## VBT does prescribed burn at Riggs Park

On March 31 Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation conducted its first prescribed burn at Riggs Heritage Park on Martinsville Road.

The park, which was constructed in 2008, consists of walking paths, a pavilion, parking lot, open spaces, restrooms and about acres of prairie habitat.

Deputy Director of VBT Parks and Recreation Jennifer Zaenglein explains.

She said prescription burning is used for a variety of reasons. One of the most notable benefits is to maintain the health of an existing natural area containing native plants. The fire helps manage weeds and other growth and thus helps to reduce the risk of wildfires, but it also can help restore nutrients and help lead to more desirable plant growth in the future.

The park boasts prairie plants, including big bluestem grass which grows to a height of eight feet and wildflowers from the delicate partridge pea to the giant prairie dock which reaches a height of ten feet.

Already the bare earth at Riggs Park is transforming from a charred landscape to

new life. Green sprouts and flower buds are emerging from the ashes, much like a phoenix ready to thrive once again.

"We hope that you take time to visit Riggs Park this spring and enjoy watching the changes as spring finally reaches Van Buren Township," Zaenglein said.

## Thomas White bound over to circuit court on 20 felonies

By Diane Madigan  
Independent Court Reporter

After seven months of postponements, Van Buren Township disbarred attorney Thomas White, 46, will be heading to circuit court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on April 23 for an arraignment on the information on 20 felony charges.

There are two separate cases against White. In the first case, filed in September, White is charged with five felonies against Judith Jordan of Belleville and her late

husband Leland.

In the second case, filed in December, White is accused of one count of conducting a criminal enterprise, 15 counts of embezzlement, two counts of identity theft, one count each of larceny by conversion and uttering and publishing.

White is now accused of stealing more than \$11 million from the victims in these two cases.

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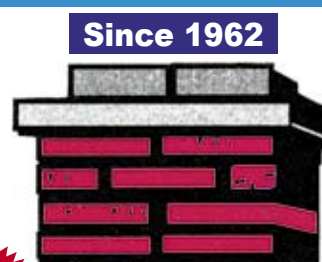
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## White felonies

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Just prior to White's April 9 preliminary exam in the 34<sup>th</sup> District courtroom of Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green courtroom, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Daniel Joseph Williams spoke to about a dozen victims that came to court to be available in case they were needed to testify.

To the victims, Williams said, if the cases go to trial, victims will be allowed to speak and would also be allowed to speak at sentencing.

Williams also indicated that he would like to



White

see restitution that started with six figures. Adding, if White is in prison, he will not be able to work and make restitution.

White's attorney Michael Vincent spoke for White, asking the scheduled two probable-cause exams be waived, which allowed Judge Green to bind him over to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court at Frank Murphy Hall of Justice. She continued his personal recognizance bond.

If White wanted to hold his preliminary exams the court expected them to last three days.

(Frank Murphy Hall of Justice is located at 1441 St. Antoine, in Detroit. There is parking at Old St. Mary's Church at a cost of \$5 on days with no Tiger games. Cellphones are not allowed in the courthouse.)

### White's Bankruptcy

In addition to Whites' 2012 Ford Escape leased from Atchinson Ford, Ford Motor Credit is in the process of repossessing a leased 2012 Ford Fusion and a leased 2012 Ford F-150 truck. White hasn't made lease payments on the vehicles since July 2013.

In court documents, an attorney for Ford Motor Credit stated that once the vehicles had been removed from the bankruptcy case White would have minimal motivation to insure, preserve or repair the vehicles and Ford wanted to proceed to take possession.

### Teetering on eviction

Time ran out for White following a Jan. 16, court-ordered, pay-to-stay agreement for his Van Buren Township home on Savage Road.

White and his then-wife Heather entered into a land contract in 2006 with Robert and Gloria Coppock for the \$360,000 home. But last summer the Whites stopped making payments to the Coppocks.

At 34<sup>th</sup> District Court White agreed to pay the Coppocks \$36,355 by 4 p.m. April 14 for back land contract payments and unpaid taxes, but he paid nothing.

As the April 14 date approached, trucks and trailers and cars were at the White

home, moving out possessions.

About 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, White called Coppock and they met at the house, where White turned over the keys to Coppock and apologized profusely.

Coppock said the house has been lived in but is in "relatively not bad shape."

White was due to be evicted by the court this week if he didn't pay as he agreed to.

## Court Watching:

### Javon Ellis sentenced to 220 months in federal prison on gun charges

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The final defendant in the Denton 2011-12 subdivision home invasions has been sentenced and the case is finally closed.

On April 1, Javon Franklin Ellis was sentenced to 220 months (more than 18 years) in federal prison by U.S. District Court Judge Denise Page Hood. His sentencing had been postponed from the Dec. 19, March 4 and March 25 dates previously set.

Van Buren Township Police Lt. Charles Bazy said Thomas Johnson never would take responsibility for the home invasions, but the fact that they abruptly stopped once he was in custody speaks for itself.

"I have to give special thanks to Special Agent Jason Cox from the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) and Assistant United States Attorney Stephanie Hays," said Lt. Bazy. "They did a fantastic job seeing that three career criminals were brought to justice in this case."

Lt. Bazy said Ellis refused a plea agreement and demanded a trial in federal court. A jury trial began on Aug. 19, before Judge Hood in Detroit.

On Aug. 22, the case went to the jury. The jury deliberated for about 1½ hours before returning with a guilty verdict on all counts: felon in possession of a firearm, armed career criminal, and possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

Ellis was the person who was accused of buying a Colt .45 with laser sight after it was stolen in Van Buren Township Jan. 27, 2012.

Ellis was in the company of two other felons when he was arrested July 2, 2012 by Eastern Michigan University Police on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of the stolen handgun.

The felons with Ellis were Thomas Michael Johnson, 52, and Sheldon Willie-Earl Brummette, 28, both of whom accepted felony plea agreements for possession of a firearm. Johnson was sentenced to 120 months (10 years) in federal prison and Brummette was sentenced to 108 months (nine years).



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The 2014 Distinguished Graduates of Belleville High School were honored April 10. From left are Pamela O'Neill, Class of 1982 and Jean Morris, Class of 1948. Katie Held, at right, represents Catherine Krebs, Class of 1917, who was given a Special Posthumous Award. Distinguished Graduate Dr. Leilah Blakeney Lyons, Class of 1994, was not present for the ceremony, but her mother Martha Toth, vice president of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, represented her on the stage.

## Distinguished Graduates honored, along with Honor Society inductees

Four, newly chosen Distinguished Graduates of Belleville High School were honored in ceremonies April 10, along with 71 new inductees into the National Honor Society.

Distinguished Graduates for 2014 are: Dr. Leilah Blakeney Lyons, Class of 1994; Jean Morris, Class of 1948; Pamela O'Neill, Class of 1982; and a posthumous award to Catherine Krebs, Class of 1917.

### Dr. Leilah Blakeney Lyons, '94

Dr. Lyons was not present for the ceremony, but she was represented on the auditorium stage by her mother, Martha Toth, vice president of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

Dr. Lyons was awarded the Distinguished Graduate honor for her achievement in computer science, learning science, and museum sciences.

In 1994, Leilah Toth was the BHS Valedictorian and a National Merit Scholar. She attended the University of Michigan and earned bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, as well as a certificate in Museum Studies. She took a joint appointment as assistant professor of both Computer Science and the Learning Sciences at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

She has also served as the Director of Digital Learning at the New York Hall

of Science in Queens, NY. Her scientific research has been repeatedly funded by the National Science Foundation. She is a noted lecturer and researcher.

### Jean Morris, '48

Jean Morris was honored as Distinguished Graduate for her achievement in artistic endeavors and community service.

As a high school student, Jean Baum was involved in the junior and senior class plays, basketball, and the marching band as a tenor saxophone player. She went on to attend Michigan State University and graduated with a bachelor of science in Horticultural Sciences.

She married Homer Morris and they had two children, Kerry and Kim. She worked in a family-owned business and Coy Kendall greenhouses. She currently does office work at Bethany Daycare. She is a member of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and on the art show committee.

Morris started a second career in 1998, taking photos of flowers and also oil painting on canvas. When her first painting sold in 2005 at Trinity Episcopal Church, it was a major breakthrough for her. She maintains art booths at the Strawberry Festival, Art Affair on Main, Garden Market Place, and the art show at St. Anthony's.

### Pamela O'Neill, '82

Pamela O'Neill was awarded the honor of Distinguished Graduate for her work in the community and education.

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Dr. Lyons

# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Timothy King is on mission: Memorial at Willow Run

Timothy King of Ypsilanti Township is on a mission to put up a monument to honor those who worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant in WWII – and to honor the B-24 bomber that helped win the war.

The idea naturally welled up within King as he thought of his great uncle who he said ran the Bomber Plant for Henry Ford and his grandmother who served as a Rosie the Riveter there.

He said the Willow Run Tea Party Caucus passed a proclamation on March 18 supporting the idea. He is collecting names on a petition – he has 250 so far – asking the governor to provide state funds to build a memorial to honor the B-24 Liberator bomber and the people who made it.

He said Democrats and Republicans are working together on this and a steering committee will be set up.

King presented his project to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting Tuesday, asking for its support. But, when he got to the part where the Tea Party endorsed it, several board members actually turned away from him.

Supervisor Linda Combs said she had his information and would get back to him.

King is disappointed, but undeterred, insisting his project is not political.

Interested in learning more? Call him at (734) 480-7168 or write to him at [timking1573@comcast.net](mailto:timking1573@comcast.net). He has a lot of ideas to share, but he needs help.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Monday morning, the 60 mph winds in Sumpter Township knocked down trees in Holiday Woods mobile home park on Martinsville Road and the trees hit power lines and there were several fires.

One tree split a home in half, according to a neighbor. There were no injuries.

Sumpter Township called in Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville fire departments to help. Belleville brought out its Hummer, which is good in rural terrains.

A witness said Sumpter fire fighters told the Belleville fire fighters to “hug the tree line” with the Hummer since the ground was firmer there. But, it got out into the marshy area and got stuck.

A J&T wrecker couldn’t get it out and actually got stuck itself.

Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger, who wasn’t at the scene but had a report, said a bulldozer-type vehicle pulled it out, as well as pulling out three other fire department vehicles. He said two Sumpter FD vehicles got stuck, too.

“It’s not invincible,” Chief Loranger said of the Hummer that was acquired without charge from the federal government. “It did quite well before they got stuck.”

The fires were extinguished and they cleared the scene. Chief Loranger said there was no damage to the Hummer and the fire fighters drove it back to Belleville where they hosed off the mud and put it back into service. The driver’s name wasn’t released.

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One of our readers sent an email commenting on the front page story in last



week’s paper: “VBT police car flips ...” She said she hopes when the first driver who ran the red light and caused the police pursuit reads the story that that driver will come forward.

“Did they get away?” she asks. Yes, I guess that driver got away. I’ve learned the patrol car that was wrecked was one of VBT’s brand-new scout cars.

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My great-nephew Matthew Brodhead just got his PhD and is starting his career studying autism. He has been hired as an Assistant Professor of Educational Studies at Purdue University.

He was part of a cluster hire of autism professionals who will be doing interdisciplinary research on autism. He also will teach one or two classes a semester. And, he said, he will continue to conduct research on ways to improve the social and academic outcomes of individuals with autism. We’ll keep a watch on Purdue and the autism research there.

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Donna Renton of Van Buren Township brought in a video recording of a loon on Belleville Lake. She saw it from the cemetery last Thursday, which was a very windy day that blew her camera around. We understand loons are just passing through when they land on our lake because they are heading north.

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I was at the Keystone Charter Academy

school board meeting last week and they were talking about the ThinkStretch summer program for the students. This program has shown to keep the students from losing what they learned in the spring when they go back to school in the fall. They have school work all summer and the majority of the students really like it.

I looked over one of the workbooks and found a hands-on lesson I want to try:

You take a big handful of breakfast cereal and put it in a plastic bag. You crush the cereal well and then cover it with water. You wait until it is really soggy and then stir it with a magnet. You will get small pieces of iron on the magnet, it says. The iron is the same kind of iron that is used to make cars and it is put into cereals as a nutritional iron supplement. Who knew?

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Smoke in a blower at Owen Intermediate School on Tuesday morning led to a false report from Channel 7 that the students were evacuated because of a possible fire. Wrong. School Supt. Michael Van Tassel and Building and Grounds Director James Williams went over to check it out and called 911 just in case. Then, they tried to cancel the fire call, but the fire truck came anyway to check it out. There was no evacuation and no fire.



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**Letters**



Recently collecting donations on Main Street for autism awareness were, from left, Belleville Fire Department members Lt. Christopher Zweng, Mathew Loveland, Lamar Griffin, and Lt. Brian Blackburn.

## Fill the Boot for Autism drive earns \$2,038

To the Editor:

On April 2, Belleville Fire Fighters Association held its second-annual "Fill the Boot for Autism" drive.

Lt. Zweng, Lt. Blackburn, Fire Fighter Griffin and Fire Fighter Loveland, along with help from Jackie Kuolo, Alyssa Kuolo and Michael Ackron, took their places on the corner of Main Street and High Street from 2:30 until 7 p.m. raising money for Autism Speaks.

With over 500 people making donations they were able to raise \$2,038 which was sent out to the Autism Speaks office in New Jersey on Monday the 7th.

We would like to say what a great, caring unselfish community we all live in. A HUGE Thank You to all who donated on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and, remember, you can still make a donation at [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org). Also you can visit their web site to learn more about autism which affects 1 in every 88 children.

April is Autism Month and Light it up Blue is another way to show support. With this campaign people are asked to use a blue light over their front porch and leave it on all night. So, as you drive around town take a second to notice all the blue lights.

Thank you for your support.  
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## Thanks for help with autism fund raiser

To the Editor:

My name is Rich Cetnarowski, Jr. and I am the treasurer of the Van Buren Eagles Aerie #3996, and I just chaired our first Autism Fundraiser at the Van Buren Eagles this past Saturday, April 12.

I am writing this to thank the entire community for their donations, support, and coming to the event.

It was a huge success and I want to thank every one of you for participating. I want to thank my president, Gary Smith of the Van Buren Eagles Aerie #3996 for having trust in me to get this going.

This is one project when he became president he wanted to do because it touched his heart, along with mine, as I have an autistic son named Nic.

I want to thank the entire crew of the Van Buren Eagles for helping me plan this event, which took almost eight months.

Remember April is Autism Awareness Month; get those blue lights on the porches.

We will be doing this again next year because I have an amazing committee that helped me get all this together, and stuck with me all the way.

Thank You So Much to the gang at Van Buren Eagles and thank you all that came out for this great occasion, helping these kids with autism.

Sincerely,  
Rich Cetnarowski, Jr., Treasurer  
Van Buren Eagles Aerie #3996  
Chairman of the Autism Fundraiser

P.S. Special thank you to my committee: Bob Eller, Co-chair Kelly Sherwood, Rozanne & Tim Ogger, Diane & Mike Cullen, Gary and Kathy Smith, Diane Krause, Mike & Marvel Parent, Brandy & Sharron Steiner, Chuck & Linda Watson, Ginger & Keith Bruder, Terry & Anita Cowger, my Dad (Rich Sr.), my Wife -Lisa, Trish Mauldin, Greg Nizzio, Norm Miller, and Dave & Beth Harvey.

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### Women's Club seeks help for 'Reality Check'

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, May 7 the Belleville Area Women's Club will hold a Reality Check for all eighth graders at McBride Middle School.

Students will be asked to select the occupation they would hope to be by the time they reach 25 years old. They will be given a salary and by the luck of the draw will find out what their marital status is and whether or not they have children.

With their monthly salary, they will then travel from table to table and pay from their checking account their rent or mortgage, car payment, insurance, food and clothing. There will be, of course, a table where they will draw for the unexpected expense or, perhaps, even a little lottery winning.

Those with funds left will be able to invest and even do a little traveling.

The purpose of this event is to start this age group thinking about the future and give them a taste of what costs they will have to cover in the future.

We are always looking for a few good volunteers to assist the club in holding this Reality Check. Please contact Gloria Dougherty at (734) 697-0892.

If you can, join us in May for this very rewarding program.

Janet Millard  
Belleville Area Women's Club

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# Obituaries



Walter C. Schroeder

## WALTER CHARLES SCHROEDER

(June 22, 1919 – March 26, 2014)

Walter Charles Schroeder, 94, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, with his loving wife of 73 years and their youngest son, Jeffrey, at his side.

Walter was born June 22, 1919, in Plymouth, MI, the son of Robert Charles Schrader and Selma Augusta Berger Schrader. He married Dorothy Rita Sears and they made their home in Belleville, MI, where they raised four children. Walter served his country in the United States Army during World War II from March 18, 1941, until being honorably discharged on Oct. 1, 1948. He was a decorated tech sergeant and platoon leader and was awarded the EAME Service Medal with five bronze stars and the Bronze Star for meritorious service, as well as several other citations and medals. He spent most of his working life in the automobile industry as a metal fabricator, specialized tool

maker, machinist and engineer, retiring from Ford Motor Company after 30 years of service. Walter loved the outdoors. He especially loved deer hunting, camping, fishing and teaching these skills to his sons. He was quick to make friends and enjoyed cracking jokes and talking with people. He will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Walter is survived by his sweetheart of 73 years, Dorothy Schroeder of Twin Falls, and their children, Sharon (Tim) Sohoza of Clinton, MI, Thomas (Barbara) Schroeder of Twin Falls, Michael (Margaret) Schroeder of Stockbridge, MI, and Jeffrey (Elizabeth) Schroeder of Jerome, ID. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Irene Pratt; and his brother, Ralph Schrader.

Walter will be laid to rest in the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. His family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made in Walter's name to a veterans' organization of your choice.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, April 28, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville, MI, with a luncheon to follow.

## DOROTHY M. 'DOT' COOK

(June 12, 1921 – April 8, 2014)

Age 92 of Augusta Twp. Survived by children Neal Cook, Gay Holshoe, Martha Kay Cook, Patrick Cook and Tracy Cook; grandchildren, great- and great-great-grandchildren. Sumpter Twp. Chapel, Janowiak Funeral Home.

## RICHARD JOSEPH HARVEY

Richard Joseph Harvey of Detroit died April 5, 2014, at his home in Avon Park Florida. He was 91. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth Harvey and sister Beatrice Riley.



William "Bill" Crawford

## WILLIAM 'BILL' CRAWFORD

(September 30, 1928 – March 29, 2014)

William "Bill" Crawford, age 85, of Sumpter Township, passed away peacefully at his home with family by his side.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Barbara, and their three wonderful sons, Rodger, Ed, and David; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Also, brother Bruce and two sisters, Bernice and Patty; nieces and nephews and friends.

## RALPH LEE CUMBERLAND, II

(January 10, 1966 – April 7, 2014)

Ralph Lee Cumberland, II, 48, passed away April 7, 2014. Visitation was Saturday and Sunday followed by the funeral service at Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, Belleville, Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

## GLORIA ALICE ROSE CHRUSCIAL

(May 28, 1940 - April 10, 2014)

Age 73, of Canton, MI. Survived by husband Edward, 7 children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren. Funeral services at 11 a.m., April 17, at New Hope Church, Canton. David C. Brown Funeral Home.



Virginia Kay Gebhardt

## VIRGINIA KAY GEBHARDT

(January 11, 1943 - April 9, 2014)

Virginia Kay Gebhardt, age 71, of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at her home. She was born January 11, 1943 in Wayne, MI, daughter of Harry Henry Otter and Helen (Burke) Rinne.

Mrs. Gebhardt loved to travel. She was known for her collection of sharks' teeth and shells she found on various beaches. She enjoyed knitting, washing clothes, and loved working in her flower gardens and shopping. Most of all, she was very proud of her grandchildren.

Ginnie is survived by her husband of 47 years, Edward William Gebhardt; a son Scott (Tamara) Gebhardt of Willis, MI; a daughter Karrie Gebhardt of Lansing, MI; two grandchildren Hannah and Luke; a sister Judy (Richard) Whichello of Willis; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation was 3-8 PM Friday, April 11, and 11-12 PM Saturday, April 12, with a Noon Funeral at David C. Brown Temporary Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to treasure at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

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## Obituaries



Joseph Anthony Bruckner

### JOSEPH A. BRUCKNER

(October 17, 1956 - April 12, 2014)

Joseph Anthony Bruckner, age 57, a 30-year resident of Belleville, MI, formerly of Romulus, MI, passed away Saturday, April 12, 2014 at Oakwood Hospital, Taylor, MI.

He was born Sunday, October 17, 1956 in Romulus, son of the late Sylvester & Alice (Brezinski) Bruckner.

Joe is survived by daughter Nena (Ken) Cassidy of Dearborn Heights, MI; three grandchildren, Jasmine, Joseph & Riley; five brothers, Jerry Bruckner of Westland, MI, Eddie Bruckner of Lincoln Park, MI, Fred (Tammy) Bruckner of Westland, Michael Bruckner of Romulus, and Larry (Dorothy) Bruckner of Traverse City, MI; four sisters, Kay (Ed) Waldecker of Farmington Hills, MI, Marilyn (Bill) Esch of Taylor, Bernie Jessie of Romulus, Barbara Bruckner of Belleville, and many nieces and nephews.

Joseph was preceded in death by his partner of 30 years Gilbert Radoye in 2011, his parents, and brother Sylvester Bruckner.

Joseph was an active member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, involved with the chorus and played the organ. Some of his hobbies included bowling, boating, and bringing joy to many. Most of all he loved spending time with his family.

Visitation will be Monday, April 21, 2014 from 12-8 PM at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville. A Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 11 AM at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville with an hour visitation 10-11 AM. Father Thomas Cusick will serve as Celebrant.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guestbook and share a memory for his family to cherish at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

## More Letters

### World Day of Prayer will be at noon, May 1

To the Editor:

The National Day of Prayer is an annual event held on the first Thursday in May inviting people of all faiths to pray for our nation.

It was created in 1952 with a Joint Resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman to encourage participation in the National Day of Prayer.

It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create materials and to mobilize the Christian community, to intercede for America's leaders and its families.

This year, the Tri-Community National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 1, at the Victory Park Station at Five Points in Belleville at 12 noon to 1 p.m.

The theme for this year's event is "One Voice United in Prayer."

Thank you,  
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker

### Ken Dandy will be in Boston Marathon

To the Editor:

FYI, our Public Safety employee Ken Dandy who is our IT has been with us for 7 years and on his off time is a frequent runner. He has competed in several long-distance runs over the years, the most recent being the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C. and the *Detroit Free Press* last year.

Ken has been training regularly and will be running and competing in this year's Boston Marathon next Monday and will be representing our Public Safety Department and community.

We all wish him the best of luck and a safe return home to us.

Gregory M. Laurain  
Director of Public Safety  
Van Buren Township

### Museum wants to know about your organization

To the Editor:

The Belleville Area Museum is looking for historical information on tri-community, current and defunct, clubs and organizations for our upcoming exhibit in May 2014.

Any and all items are welcome – handbooks, ledgers, pictures, favors, etc... anything that would be helpful to tell the story of your club/organization.

You are welcome to create your own storyboard and/or exhibit panel that would represent the origins of your group, the makeup or structure of it, rules / regulations, dues, and anything else you would like

to include or drop everything off to the museum for us to create one.

Perhaps you have the names and meeting notes of the original members? Maybe some old albums are collecting dust? Do you have annual events that you would like visitors to know about or are you looking to recruit more members?

A poster board can showcase all of these items and other memorabilia will be placed along the second floor exhibit space. *You do not need to donate any items.* We may place them on a *temporary loan* through October 2014. Please contact the museum for more information and direction.

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## More Letters

### An angel slipped away from our writing club

To the Editor:

A few days ago an angel slipped away from The Write Stuff Writing Club.

Michele Gibson-Pierson was a beautiful lady who took care of Belleville's flowers, tenderly watering and deadheading the blooming beauties that gave the passersby a treat.

I remember seeing her each day in unique socks that were cheerful and made you laugh with happiness to see such an expression of her artistic mind.

Michele, as a writer, was dedicated to her writings and delivering them to the Write Stuff Writing Club. She had the members spellbound with her genius with words.

I, as well as the Writers' group, will dearly miss her. My "Purple Lady" has left her spirit with all who saw and knew her. So long, for a little while.

Marian Caldwell  
Van Buren Township

### People: Wake up and do SOMETHING

To the Editor:

First of all, I wrote months ago to let you all know how the custodians are being treated and how the schools are being cleaned by only one custodian. These are the elementary schools. Well they are still being cleaned by one person.

This is not fair to the students and the custodians. Also, there is the safety factor for the custodians. They could easily get hurt on the job, or worse, have a heart attack, with no one around.

Now, they are talking about getting rid of the para-pros. The teachers need them. How would you like to handle 25 to 35 unruly kids? The teachers need the para-pros for many, many reasons.

People, stand up and do something for the custodians and the teachers. Remember, it is for the benefit of your children.

Thank you for your time.  
Paras & Custodians Rock  
Dolores Nedean  
Sumpter Township

### Shaylett Stuckey wins second runner-up award

To the Editor:

The last weekend in March was the Mrs. Michigan Pageant that our own Shaylett Stuckey participated in.

Of the 11 delegates representing our state, Shaylett (currently serving as Mrs. MotorCity) was second runner up! In addition to finishing in the top three, Shaylett also received the Spirit of Pageantry and Audience-Choice awards!

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Shaylett would like to especially thank her local business supporters: Wine & Canvas Detroit, Janice Marshall - Remerica Hometown III, Edible Arrangements, Wal-Mart, Zino's, Belleville Bariatrics, Hidalgo's, Bethany Day Care, and Keystone Academy.

Theresa Hadjuk, Keystone Academy  
**Editor's Note:** Shaylett Stuckey of Van Buren Township serves as office manager at Keystone Academy.

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## More Letters

### 'Books permit us to voyage through time...'

To the Editor:

"Books permit us to voyage through time, to tap the wisdom of our ancestors. The library connects us with the insight and knowledge, painfully extracted from nature, of the greatest minds that ever were, with the best teachers, drawn from the entire planet and from all our history, to instruct us without tiring, and to inspire us to make our own contributions to the collective knowledge of the human species. I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can be tested by how well we support our libraries."

--Carl Sagan, Cosmos

When I have encountered dilemmas throughout my life, I often turn to the great minds of the past to see how they would have handled a similar situation. So, in a recent *Independent* letter, I quoted Thomas Jefferson because I thought he would have insight into why a person would be so against supporting a library that would so obviously be an asset to our community.

He would surely be able to explain that level of selfishness. But he couldn't. Instead, Thomas Jefferson and Carl Sagan and thousands of other great men and women wrote of their profound love and reverence for libraries.

After all, what remains of past civilizations but their art, architecture and literature? We are just temporary stewards of these things.

In my letter, I said that Thomas Jefferson referred to the small expense of libraries. I believe he meant in relation to the good they would do, not to the amount of money they would actually cost.

But Mr. Anton, who opposes our library, obviously is not interested in the greater good, just his good and his alone. Mr. Anton says that people don't need an improved library because they have iPhones and iPads and Kindles but these are only available to those with the money to afford them. And anyone who loves

books will tell you; a Kindle is not a book.

We are not back in Thomas Jefferson's day. As much as Mr. Anton may want to be. We are in the 21st century. We can't just sit in our individual homes with our electronic devices and count our money; always wanting more money and not wanting to spend anything for the greater good.

If we are to survive as a great nation, our communities must reflect our values: education, compassion, courage to hope for the future.

My parents wanted to leave me a better world than they had. I want that for my kids, too. The citizens of Belleville and Van Buren have an opportunity to show what we value. Our new library is not a Guggenheim, although that is a beautiful art museum, but, hopefully, it will be a place where all our citizens can come, rich and poor, to seek the wisdom of our world, past and present.

Linda Priest

Sent from my iPad

### Let me help you face the grief in your life

To the Editor:

With any loss we encounter grief. Grief is all of the following: natural, healthy, spontaneous, unlearned, normal, physical, emotional, spiritual, and healing. It cannot be controlled or ignored. It will emerge one way or another.

We need to pay attention to it. Often, because the grief we encounter in the death of our loved one is so painful, the temptation is to avoid it or repress it. This is usually done by keeping busy and not talking about it or letting others talk about it.

Remember, grief is a natural expression of our love and a normal healing part of our loss. We must experience all that is our own grief in order to successfully cope.

The grief from the death of a loved one can be devastating to the survivor, but notice the word "can". Allowing yourself to grieve and learning about grief and how to cope will empower you to survive and grow.

Naturally we take care of ourselves and others when there has been an injury

or illness to one's physical body. Grief is a wound that needs attention in order to heal.

Having a safe environment surrounded by compassionate and loving support, where you can express your feelings without judgment and criticism, and work on venting your grief is important in one's recovery.

This can be with family or friends, or with a grief support person such as me, Mary Martinez, Grief Coordinator.

I wish to lend a helping hand to those who are hurting in their grief, or to all who just want to understand more about it.

I provide free grief support at my office at the Brown Family Center and also at September Days Senior Center for anyone

who needs it. It may be recent grief or something from the past that continues to consume you. You can see me individually or join a group.

You can meet me at September Days at 10 a.m. every second and fourth Thursday of each month or give me a call at 734-697-5090 to schedule a free appointment at the Brown Family Center.

Death can be a painful and permanent loss experience, and one of the hardest from which to recover. Death takes away, but facing it and grieving can result in peace, new strengths and purpose.

Sincerely,

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Van Buren Township Trustee Reggie Miller said she is upholding her campaign promise with her recent donation of \$1,000 to Tyler Elementary School. Receiving the check from Miller are Principal Alicia Pitt, Kristine Cagney, Toni Kurash, and students Izabel Hancock, Tauryn Huddleston, and Amirah Junious. The money Miller donated will be used for the "Leader in Me" program which inspires all students to be leaders.

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## VBT Parks & Rec. thanks Trustee Miller

To the Editor:

Once again, Trustee Reggie Miller has graciously donated to the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department.

I was thrilled when Trustee Miller came to the department and dropped off a check for \$863.37. This donation will be used to send a child to camp whose family is financially unable

to send them.

The Van Buren Township Summer Camp Program has been in this community for many years. The camp provides children of Van Buren Township and the surrounding areas a chance to have fun in a safe and welcoming environment. This program will impact a child with fond memories they can hold onto forever.

Thank you, Trustee Miller, for helping the youth in our community.  
 Sincerely,  
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Carl and Kim Bryant of Van Buren Township and Mary Talaga (in front) of the City of Belleville are the crossing guards that went out faithfully all winter helping children across the busy streets in the worst of weather. VBT Traffic Officer Carrie Traster said the three are really dedicated and turned up to do the work during the frigid winter months without complaint. Carl Bryant is in his second year as the Owen/Sumpter Road crossing guard. Kim Bryant is in her third year at Tyler Elementary. Mary Talaga has been a crossing guard for more than 50 years at the Edgemont/East Huron River Drive intersection.

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	3	3
Renton Junior High	4	3
	5	5
	6	7
	7	7
	8	7
Huron High School	9	5
	10	5
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	12	5

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# VBT resident donates \$6 million to benefit thyroid cancer research

Jim Wigginton of Van Buren Township has given \$6 million to support the Punya Thyroid Cancer Endowed Fund and establish the Nancy Wigginton Professorships of Thyroid Cancer.

Wigginton had previously established the Punya Thyroid Cancer Endowed Fund for the benefit of thyroid cancer clinical research at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center in August 2013 with a gift of \$1 million.

Since then, he has donated another \$5 million to establish two endowed professorships in memory of Nancy Wigginton. The combined \$6 million is the largest gift to thyroid cancer research at the University of Michigan.

Wigginton is making the gift in honor of his late wife, Nancy Punya Wigginton, who was cared for by Frank Worden, M.D., and Megan Haymart, M.D. This gift recognizes their advances in thyroid cancer research and their outstanding patient care.

"The incidence of thyroid cancer has tripled over the past 30 years," Haymart said. "Today, thyroid cancer is the eighth most common cancer in the United States and the fifth most common cancer in women. While most patients have an excellent prognosis, some patients with distant metastases, do poorly, especially if over age 45."

Despite being an increasingly common cancer, a lack of funding has led to a scarcity in high-quality clinical research in thyroid cancer. Worden and Haymart agree there is a great need for thyroid cancer research in order to advance the field to improve patient care.

"In addition to being an increasingly common cancer, a diagnosis of thyroid cancer is often associated with a worsening quality of life, increased patient costs, and occasionally treatment complications," Worden says.

Worden and Haymart envision the Punya Thyroid Cancer Endowed Fund as a comprehensive, collaborative clinical research program that will incorporate both health services research and clinical trials.

Haymart is an endocrinologist and lead for thyroid cancer health services research at the University of Michigan. For the past



Belleville resident Jim Wigginton, who is shown with his late wife Nancy, recently donated \$6 million to benefit thyroid cancer research at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. Wigginton is making the gift in honor of Nancy.

several years, Haymart and colleagues have been actively exploring the implications of the thyroid cancer epidemic.

"Thyroid cancer remains understudied. Research exploring the rise in thyroid cancer incidence and the implications of a thyroid cancer diagnosis, including survival and treatment complications, will benefit future thyroid cancer patients.

"Through collaborations among endocrinologists, oncologists, surgeons, biostatisticians, health economists, epidemiologists and survey methodologists, we hope to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the current standard of care for thyroid cancer patients with goals for improved care and better communication," Haymart said.

Worden, the leader of clinical trials for thyroid cancer at the University of Michigan, has conducted clinical trials for thyroid cancers for over a decade. He is interested in developing treatment protocols with novel therapeutics in patients with advanced thyroid cancers in the metastatic setting.

"It is important for patients with advanced thyroid cancer to have treatment options readily available to them and to have a team of caregivers who are trained to manage these complex patients. Only through trials with novel agents can we improve survival.

"Support from the Punya Thyroid Cancer Endowed Fund will allow the University of Michigan to become a leader in both thyroid cancer health services research and thyroid cancer clinical trials," he said.

Wigginton's desire is for the Punya Fund to be the most influential thyroid cancer fund in the world, and through this fund to substantially lengthen the time and quality of life for patients with advanced thyroid cancer. He hopes to raise a total of \$10 million with additional gifts and fundraising events.

Wigginton is a native of Crittenden County, KY, and current resident of Van

Buren Township. He is a managing partner in True North Equity, LLC, a private equity firm in Birmingham. He and his late wife have three children and nine grandchildren.

## Birthdays

April 10 – Judy Fruit  
April 14 – Dorothy Skszek  
April 16 – Louis Herring

## Want to know more about the "birds and bees"?

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# Distinguished

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After graduating from BHS, Pamela Zoller earned five degrees: a bachelor of arts in Business Administration and a master's in Labor and Industrial Relations from Michigan State University, a bachelor of arts in teaching and a master's degree in School Administration from Eastern Michigan University, and a master's in Curriculum Mathematics from Walden University.

She currently is a teacher at McBride Middle School.

She started her career as a Human Resource professional and transferred to the teaching profession. She is a member of the Van Buren Education Foundation and helps to raise funds to provide grants for teachers.

She has been awarded the Van Buren Exemplary Employee Award for her outstanding work as a math teacher. In the

community, O'Neill is a past president of the Belleville Business and Professional Women's Club and is the current finance chairwoman of the newly renamed Belleville Area Women's Club.

She is married to Todd O'Neill and they have four children: Harry, Ryan, Austin, and Stephanie.

## Catherine Krebs, '17

Catherine Krebs was awarded the posthumous honor of Distinguished Graduate for her achievement in the field of education.

She was a born educator. Her teaching career began in Belleville in a one-room schoolhouse located in Sumpter and ended at Rawsonville Elementary in 1978. Her family lines trace back to the first family of settlers in Van Buren Township.

Krebs graduated from BHS in 1917. She was editor in chief of the very first BHS Yearbook. She was the first of four

generations to graduate from BHS.

She attended Michigan Normal College, where she earned her teaching degree. In 1920 she married her high school sweetheart James Clark Campbell and moved to Battle Creek.

Early in their marriage, her husband became ill, which forced them to return to Belleville for the support system of their families. Her husband passed away two years after the birth of their daughter Janet. To make ends meet, she took a teaching job in Dearborn and worked other jobs on the weekends. In 1959, she returned to Belleville after retiring from the Dearborn Schools and began teaching third grade at Edgemont Elementary. Even after she retired from Van Buren Public Schools, she continued as a substitute teacher in the district.

At the age of 74 Campbell taught remedial reading at Sumpter School as part of a Title One program. Then she worked at Rawsonville Elementary as a paraprofessional until she turned 80.

## BHS Honor Society inductees

After honoring the Distinguished Graduates, the following 71 inductees into the National Honor Society were introduced by present NHS members:

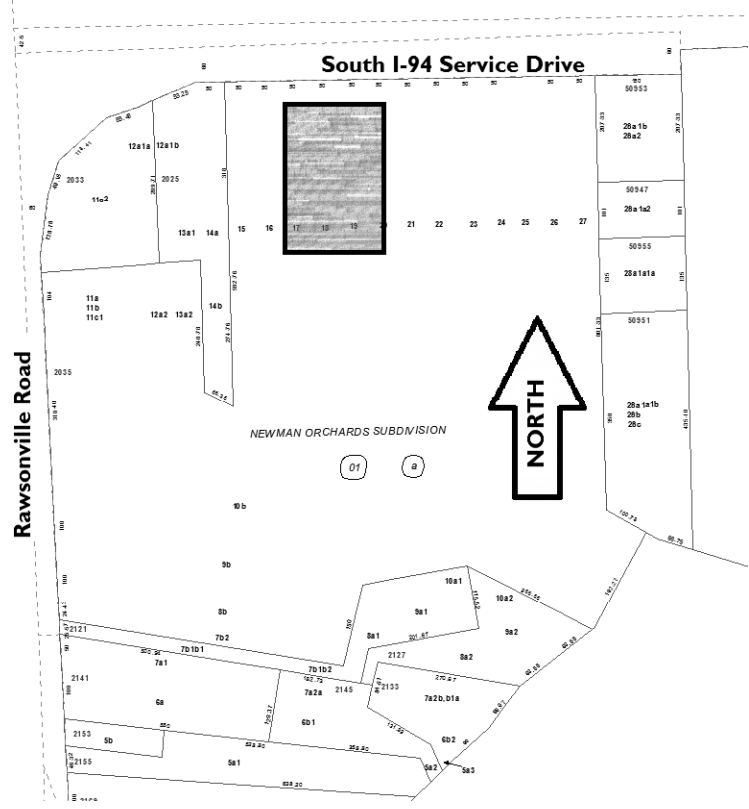
Aurea Bearfield, Bianca Bellinger, Jared Bellingham, Abbey Bentley, Brandon Bond, Jay'len Boone, Karrie Brashear, Timo Budiono, Shannon Burton, Brendan Carr, Dominique Charles, Evan Charles, Bianca Crowder, Aryanna Daniels, Damon Denson, Jordan Edwards, Carlynn Gasser, Alexis Hamel, Leah Hardy, Alec Harris, Denzel Harris, Taylor Harrison, Mya Harshaw, Zachary Hermosillo-DeBoer, Marissa Higgins, Bailey Hunt, Emi Iwao, Jayla Jackson, Brian James, Monyca Johnson, Britteny Jones, Shelby Kelemen, Ethan Klobucar, Wesley LaPrairie, Mary Leake, Erion Lee, Jair Leggett, Matthew Ley, Verniece Lowe, Alex Maes, Morgan Marshall, Olivia McRitchie, Marissa Moore, Carly Mutschler, Douglas Nance, Sherri Neal, Jada Nelson, Joshua Nichols, Brittany Nofz, Kameron Owen, Joshua Patton, Nicole Pearce, Victoria Pestano, Brittany Powe, Demi Przystup, Bri'onna Reese, Stephen Rimando, Andrea Rodriguez, Zjahkeria Russell, Ariana Salisbury, Danielle Saval, Courtney Schweers, Jonathan Spraggins, Josh Sterly, Hannah Terrell, Tanishia Townsend, Kyle Walker, Xavier Walker, Devoren Wesley, Ryan Youmans, and Kendyl Zantop.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

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Lakewood Shopping Plaza, 2095 Rawsonville Road, is the subject of this hearing. This site is located on the east side of Rawsonville Road south of the South I-94 Service Drive.



The applicant, Phantom of Michigan, is requesting Temporary Land Use that extends beyond the allowable seven (7) consecutive days and may require a Public Hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with the requirements found under the Temporary Land Uses, Buildings, and Structures Section 4.44 of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted by the Planning and Economic Development Department until 4:00 p.m., the hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

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Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton Road, is the subject of this hearing. This site is located on the west side of Denton Road, south of Michigan Avenue, and east of Gilmore Street.



The applicant, USA Fireworks, is requesting Temporary Land Use that extends beyond the administratively allowable seven (7) consecutive days and may require a Public Hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with the requirements found under the Temporary Land Uses, Buildings, and Structures Section 4.44 of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted by the Planning and Economic Development Department until 4:00 p.m., the hearing date.

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## Sumpter Country Fest Cutest Baby Contest accepting applications

The Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission will hold its 2014 Cutest Baby Boy and Baby Girl Contest on Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26, as part of the annual Sumpter Country Fest.

The contest is open to residents of Sumpter and neighboring communities. Babies from newborn through age three are eligible.

To enter a child, submit a picture up to 5x7" in size with an application form to "Sumpter Township Hall, Attn: Baby Contest, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville MI 48111 (734) 461-6201.

Applications are requested as soon as possible but no later than May 22.

Application forms are available at the township hall and at numerous business places throughout the area, including the *Belleville-Area Independent*, 152 Main Street, Suite 9, Belleville.

For questions about the contest or to ask to have an application form mailed to you, call Virginia Belinski at (734) 461-6630.

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## Girls, ages 7-15, welcome to join in Sumpter Fest pageant

Girls, ages 7-15, are welcome to participate in the upcoming Sumpter Country Fest Royalty Pageant.

There will be an informational meeting at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 26, at the parks and recreation building at Graham Park, at the corner of Sumpter and Wear roads.

At least 10 girls are needed for the pageant. Categories are:

- Queen - ages 13-15
- Princess - ages 10-12
- Junior Princess - ages 7-9

For more information contact Dru Allen 734-635-0878.

## Amber Baker accepted into Univ. of Findlay

Amber Baker of Belleville has been accepted to The University of Findlay for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Baker plans to major in animal science / pre-veterinary medicine option.

The University of Findlay is a comprehensive university with a hands-on approach to learning located in Findlay, Ohio, approximately 45 miles south of Toledo.

## Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, April 21 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, April 22 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m., at Sumpter Township Community Center.

• Wednesday, April 23 – Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 6 p.m., to consider request from Belleville Lighthouse Church. Also, Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, May 5 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, May 6 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.

## Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, April 17** – DaVinci's "The Last Supper" will be dramatized at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, at 8 p.m. Free.

• **Thursday, April 17** – The Other Book Club will meet at different restaurants throughout the Belleville area at 7 p.m. Contact the library (699-3291) for the location. Tonight is "The Golem and the Jinni" by Helene Wecker.

• **Friday, April 18** – DaVinci's "The Last Supper" will be dramatized at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, at 8 p.m. Free.

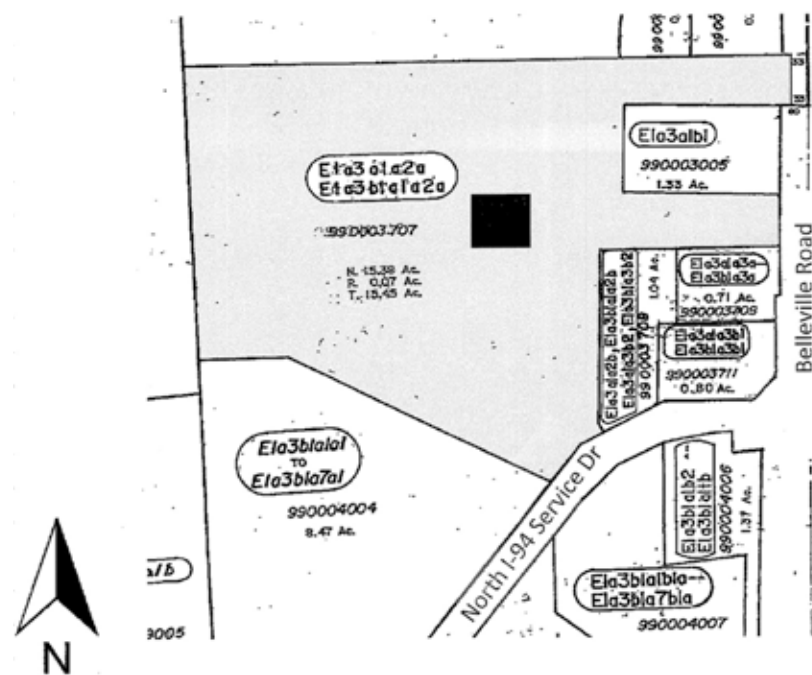
• **Saturday, April 19** – University of Michigan Women's Rowing Team competes against Virginia at 9 a.m. on Belleville Lake. At 1 p.m. it will be U of M vs. Notre Dame on the lake.

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### POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2003	FORD	4D	1FAFP34P63W140835	14-3183
UNK	UNK	MC	LXYYCMLA250600126	13-28942
2003	FORD	SW	2FMZA52443BA15049	14-3901
2000	JEEP	SW	1J4FF48S8YL226328	14-4762

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1999	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCCT19W9X8181256	14-0764
2001	FORD	PU	1FTZX17271NB90920	14-2260
1989	CHRYSLER	2D	1C3XJ45J6KG260096	14-2312
2008	FORD	4D	3FAHP07168R208978	14-2683
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2008	DODGE	4D	1B3HB28B58D661771	14-2014
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1998	CHEVROLET	2D	1G1JC1241W7126300	14-4962

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Leon Wright, CMC  
Van Buren Township Clerk  
Published: April 17, 2014

**Court Watching:**

# Woodford pleads guilty to five felonies involving internet sex crimes

By Diane Madigan  
Independent Court Reporter

On April 8, Van Buren Township resident Darryl Dominic Woodford, 19, pled guilty as charged to five felonies before Circuit Court Judge Margie Braxton at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

The victim is an 11-year-old girl whose parents had checked her phone last June and found inappropriate photos sent by Woodford. They called VBT Police.



Woodford

According to VBT Det. Ken Toney,

Woodford made contact with the unrelated 11-year-old last summer when she was visiting her grandmother.

VBT sent the phone to Michigan State Police for a forensic examination which was followed by a Jan. 28 warrant signed by the prosecutor's office.

Woodford, a first-time, offender, is free after posting 10% of his \$50,000 bond. He will be sentenced May 21 on charges that could put him in prison for 20 years.

The charges Woodford has pled guilty to include:

- Two counts of communicating with another to commit internet / computer crime;
- One count of child sexually abusive commercial activity;
- One count of possession of child sexually abusive material; and
- One count of distributing obscene matter to children.

# Sumpter planners set public hearing for Sumpter Roller Rink

By Rosemary K. Oztzman  
Independent Editor

In a 14-minute meeting April 10, the Sumpter Township Planning Commission set a public hearing for 7:05 p.m. Thursday, May 8, regarding the request of the Sumpter Roller Rink for a special-exception use permit.

Owners of the Roller Rink, Bewey Horn and Kathleen Spires, told the planning commission that they would like to spread out in uses for the rink at 19750 Sumpter Road.

Besides roller skating, they would like to have exercise classes, dances, party rentals, church revivals, and graduation parties, as well as other events.

Horn said the dances would not be loud parties. He said fraternities from Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan already have had roller skating parties for the first hour, followed by two

hours of dancing.

He said he was advised that he should get special land use approval for expanding the uses of the roller rink, so that's what they are seeking.

**Court Watching:**

# Davenport Brothers to seek formal hearing

By Diane Madigan  
Independent Court Reporter

On April 9 Davenport Brothers Construction of Belleville was scheduled for a company compliance review at 34th District Court.

The court office told the Independent that the company has requested a formal hearing for a later date. Steve Davenport was at court speaking with the prosecutor.

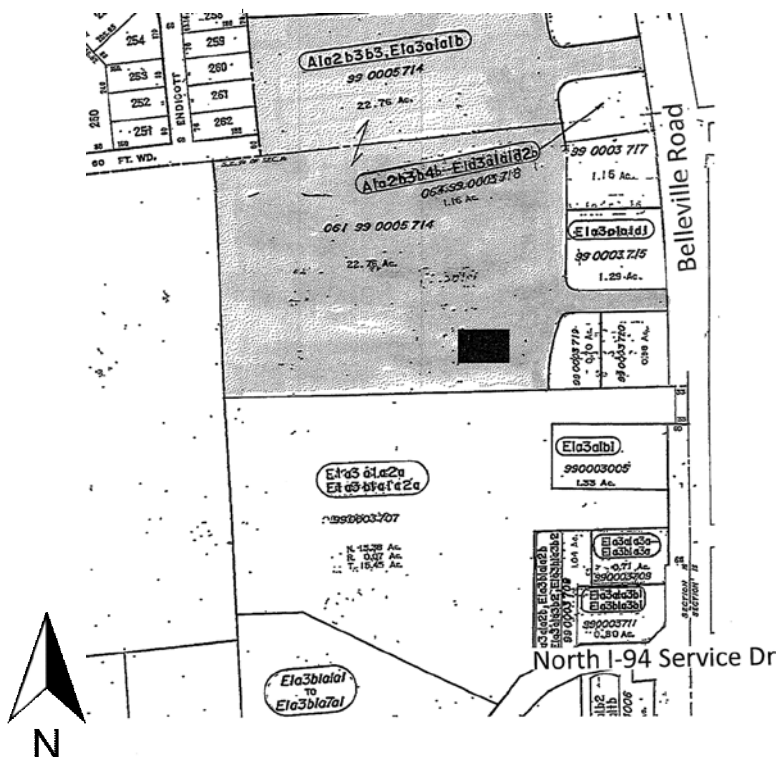
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— Dr. Seuss

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday April 23, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a temporary land use request on the following described property.

Belleville Walmart #2872, 10562 Belleville Road, is the subject of this hearing. This site is located on the west side of Belleville Road north of the North I-94 Service Drive and south of Tyler Road:



The applicant, TNT Fireworks Inc., is requesting Temporary Land Use that extends beyond the allowable seven (7) consecutive days and may require a Public Hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with the requirements found under the Temporary Land Uses, Buildings, and Structures Section 4.44 of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted by the Planning and Economic Development Department until 4:00 p.m., the hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

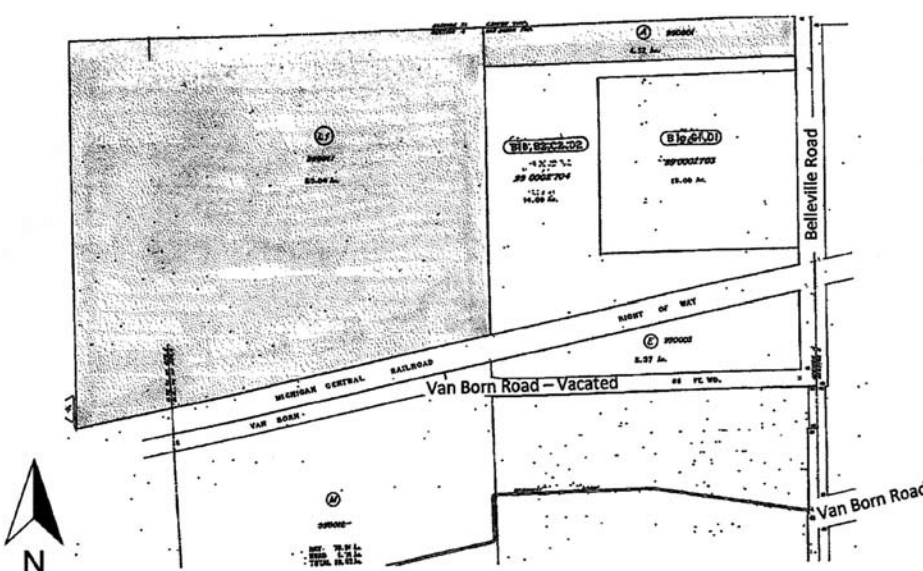
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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday April 23, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider a request to rezone the following described property.

Parcel tax ID numbers **V-125-83-013-99-0001-000 and V-125-83-013-99-0011-000, also known as 5800 Belleville Road**, are the subject properties of this hearing. The parcels measure approximately 57.5 acres. These properties are located on the west side of Belleville Road between Michigan Ave. on the north and Van Born Rd on the south.



The applicant, Costco Wholesale, is requesting this rezoning action. The Public Hearing is in regards to amending the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, zoning map by rezoning the subject property from **M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (General Industrial)**.

Written comments will be accepted by the Planning and Economic Development Department until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

Posted: April 11, 2014  
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## Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



The **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** of Sumpter Township will be holding its monthly adoption event this Saturday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **Petco Pets Store** of Westland on Warren across from the mall. Call **(734) 461-9458** for info.

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**Becky & Jessica's Place Day Care Center** on Savage Road just east of 5 Points has openings this spring. Age groups include from birth to 12 years old. To register, or for more information, call **(734) 697-0733**.

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There's still some openings for **Spring Break Day Camp** April 21-25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **Romulus Athletic Center**. The camp is for children ages 6-12 and the daily events will feature arts and crafts, dodge ball, basketball, rock climbing, swimming and more.

Call **(734) 942-2223** and visit [www.romulusathleticcenter.com](http://www.romulusathleticcenter.com).

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Today's paper includes an insert featuring **Ruby Tuesday Restaurants**, which are located in nearby Canton on Michigan Avenue near Canton Center Road, and in Westland and Taylor. To learn how you can get your flyer inserted into this newspaper, call me at **(734) 699 9020**.

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The **11<sup>th</sup>-Annual Italian Bistro Night** will take place Saturday, April 26, at 5:30 at the **Yankee Air Museum's Collections & Exhibit Building** at Willow Run Airport. Tickets are \$35 in advance, and \$40 at the door. Music will be provided by The Couriers and the EMU Swing Club. Call **(734) 483-4030**.

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**Doug Dalton Auctioneer** is gearing up for another Estate Antique Auction tomorrow, April 18, beginning at 4 p.m. at the **Romulus Progressive Hall** in Romulus. A special auction featuring a great selection of country primitives, including antique splint baskets, early dough boxes, early crocks, churns, choppers, and brass items and more, all from one owner's single collection. To see tons of photos and descriptions, visit [www.dougdaltonauctioneer.com](http://www.dougdaltonauctioneer.com).

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The **Belleville Church of God** will be holding an Easter Eggstravaganza this Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. Families can enjoy free food, candy, and prizes.

The **Belleville Central Business Community** and the **City of Belleville** will be holding their annual **Easter Candy**

**Hunt** and photos with Flop E. Bunny, also this Saturday, from noon to 2 p.m. at Victory Park.

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## Community invited to Good Friday service

The Belleville Area Ecumenical Association warmly invites the Belleville and Van Buren Township community to their annual Good Friday celebration at noon on April 18.

This year the service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road. The preacher will be the Rev. Greg Zurakowski from the Belleville Presbyterian Church.

The service lasts about an hour and a half and the church will remain open until 3 p.m. for private prayer.



### Sumpter Township Public Hearing Meeting Minutes March 25, 2014

Meeting called to order by Treasurer J. Morgan at 5:30 pm showing present: Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustee: Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Excused absence Supervisor Vawters. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 9 residents.

3. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to open public hearing at 5:31 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Accountant Jim Glahn spoke regarding the 2014-2015 Township Budget stating that the township is in a good financial position. We have paid off 9 bonds and only have 2 left to pay on. This is the first year that the general fund does not have to supplement the water department. Karen, Sybil and the water staff have done an outstanding job collecting the delinquent water bills which has made the water/sewer department have a stable balanced budget.

	Amended	Proposed
General #101	\$ 2,397,150	\$ 2,258,625
Royalties #227	\$ 1,613,151	\$ 1,513,000
Fire Fund #206	\$ 427,087	\$ 325,775
Police Fund #207	\$ 945,346	\$ 945,350
911 Fund #261	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000
Water & Sewer Fund #591		

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4. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to close the public hearing at 5:55 pm.

5. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to adjourn at 5:55 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Public Hearing Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on March 25, 2014 at 5:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk  
Publish: April 17, 2014



## Sumpter Township Public Notice



### SUMPTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 at 7:05 pm, Thursday May 8, 2014 regarding the request for a Special Exception use Permit.

#### NATURE OF THE REQUEST

This proposed request for a special exception for Sumpter Roller Rink 19750 Sumpter to have Exercise Classes, Dances, Party Rentals, etc.

#### SITE LOCATION

The site for the proposed special exception will be on approx. 3 acres located at 19750 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 81-033-99-0002-000. This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk  
Sumpter Township

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## Sumpter Township Public Notice



### Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 25, 2014

Meeting called to order by Treasurer J. Morgan at 6:30 pm showing present: Treasurer J. Morgan, Clerk Hoffman, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Excused absence Supervisor Vawters. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and 15 residents.

3. **Agenda:** Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Public comments on agenda items only**

5. **Minutes:**

A. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to approve minutes of the regular board meeting March 11, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve minutes of public hearing March 11, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to accept minutes of the parks & recreation February 19, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Warrants:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the warrants totaling \$43,960.58. Roll call vote: Yes: Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, Swinson, & P. Morgan. Nay: None. Absent: Vawters. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Parks & Recreation:** Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the parks & recreation as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Attorney:** Motion by Hamm supported by Swinson to appoint the Attorney Young, Trustee Hamm & Trustee Bates to negotiate the lease for the satellite library in Sumpter and to accept the attorney's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Board Response**

10. **New Business:**

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Bates to approve the 2014-2015 township budget. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Bates to approve the Burnham & Flower Insurance for the township \$123,307.00. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve having fireworks by Great Lakes Fireworks at the Sumpter Festival May 25, 2014 rain date May 26, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the purchase of five (5) digital dashcams for police vehicles from digital ally cost \$8,415.00. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve to purchase fire fighters uniforms cost \$7,825.18. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve to hire Nathan Cornwall as on call firefighter. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to approve resolution 2014-05 Wayne County Parks Grant for \$20,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Announcements**

12. **Open Floor**

13. **Adjournment:** Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:21 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on March 25, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk  
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# District Library Board sets special meeting to approve operating mill

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library Board set a special meeting for 7:30 p.m., April 22, to certify ballot language for the Aug. 5 election.

Ballot language has to be certified and submitted by 4 p.m. May 13 in order to be on the Aug. 5 ballot.

At its April 8 regular meeting, the board couldn't decide on how long to levy a proposed 1 mill addition to the operating millage to run the proposed 45,000 square-foot library, so it will consider the options and vote on it at the special meeting.

When board members agreed to set the meeting, architect Dan Whisler suggested it be held at the Sumpter Township Community Center, where the branch library is proposed to be.

They decided to give the township board time to finish its 6:30 p.m. regular meeting across Sumpter Road at the township hall, so board members and the public could attend the library meeting.

(On April 15, the library board sent out an email saying the 7:30 p.m. April 22 special meeting location has been confirmed as the Sumpter Community Center.)

The board has already approved asking the voters of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren to approve bonds of \$19,094,863 to construct the new library, renovate the

Sumpter Community Center wing for a branch, and pay financing fees.

This would take a 20-year tax of 1.08 mills the first year and an average of 0.96 mill the rest of the years.

(1.08 mill is a tax of \$1.08 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation of property and 0.96 mill is \$0.96 tax on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation of property.)

In addition, the board unanimously approved, in a roll-call vote, putting the 1 mill of tax for operational purposes on the Aug. 5 ballot, as recommended by the finance committee.

This 1 mill would be added to the .7 mill property owners already voted to pay for operation of the present library in Belleville.

The proposed ballot language presented to the board will be altered to add how much of the taxes is captured by the Belleville Downtown Development Authority and the Van Buren Township DDA and Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA).

These authorities captured \$85,308 from the library millage in 2013-14.

The proposed ballot language set eight years, from 2014 to 2021, inclusive, to collect the 1 mill. That would have the 1 mill expiring at the same time as the 0.7 mill which was approved by voters in 2010 for 12 years.

But, the board may decide to have the

two operational millages expire at different times.

## Proposed 2014-15 budget

At its April 8 meeting, a proposed budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year was also presented to the board. In May, the board will set a public hearing on the budget before its adoption.

The approved expenditures for the 2013-14 budget were \$957,400 and expenditures rise to \$2,172,582 for the 2014-15 proposed budget.

The new budget has \$290,000 for books, materials, and acquisition services; \$966,808 for salaries; \$323,774 for benefits and FICA; and \$156,000 for contracted services.

It estimates the DDAs and LDFA would capture \$208,233 from the library operational tax.

## Recycling bin

Board member John Juriga reported that First United Methodist Church, across Charles Street from the library, will be removing its paper recycling bin because it is redoing its parking lot. Juriga said the library uses that bin to recycle paper.

Juriga said Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs is having the bin moved next to the former VBT fire hall across Fourth Street from the library.

## Physical model of library?

Board member Michael Boelter asked architect Whisler to come up with an estimate for a physical model of the proposed library building.

Whisler said he already knows the cost because of another project his firm is doing. He said it would cost about \$5,000 and take five weeks to put together.

## Budget question

Barbara Rogalle Miller, a Belleville attorney, asked from the audience about the \$32,484.28 expenditure on the check register being approved to Penchansky Whisler Architects for professional design services.

Miller asked if this expenditure would be repaid from bond funds if voters approve the bond and she was told by Deputy Library Director Mary Jo Suchy, that it would probably not be repaid from the

bond. This payment is taken from current operational funds, Suchy said.

## New library card for eMagazines

Library Director Deb Green said the library has a Zinio service beginning May 1. Zinio is an eMagazine service that offers patrons remote access to more than 200 magazines, from Audubon Magazine to Yoga Journal. The patron needs to get the new library card that hangs on a key chain to access Zinio.



Braeden Davis, a student at Keystone Academy, won a first-place state championship at the recent Michigan Youth Wrestling Association's state competitions in Battle Creek. This is the third year he won first place in the state contest. Braeden, the son of Steve and Renae Davis, is a member of the Dundee Wrestling Club/Warrior Elite Wrestling Club. He is currently ranked #1 as a 55-pounder in the U.S. for 8 years and under.

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**Court Watching:**

# Plea deal pending for habitual offender Antoine Lamar Lang

By Diane Madigan  
Independent Court Reporter

In the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court courtroom of Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green on April 9, the following tri-community cases were among those she handled:

**Van Buren Township**

**Antoine Lamar Lang**, 34, while on probation, was arrested by Van Buren Township police on Feb. 16 and charged with receiving and concealing stolen property, larceny, domestic violence, and assault and battery.

Lang was brought to court from Wayne County Jail where he is being held. Known as a habitual offender, Lang has been arrested 11 times since 2003 in Wayne County.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Carrie Butoric worked out a deal with Lang's court appointed attorney David Lankford to set aside Lang's felony charges which would be dealt with through his probation violation. Judge Green scheduled a preliminary exam on April 30 in her courtroom.

**David Steven Parton**, 40, also being lodged at Wayne County Jail and known as a habitual offender, was arrested on March 28 while on probation by VBT police for first-degree retail fraud.

Parton's court-appointed attorney David Lankford said Parton's client wished to waive his preliminary examination and so Judge Green bound Parton over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on April 16.

**Pamela Joanne Pelland**, 55, is being held at Wayne County Jail on a retail fraud charge after being arrested by VBT police on March 27. Pelland was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on April 16. Pelland's bond was set at \$5,000/10%. Her court-attorney Lankford asked for a referral by pre-trial services.

**Amber Lynn-Carolyn Pierce**, 26, was arrested on March 21 on two controlled-substance drug charges: possession of a non-narcotic substance and possession of analogues.

Pierce did not show up for her preliminary exam on April 9, so Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski asked Judge Green for a habeas corpus order, to bring her to court.

Pierce's court-appointed attorney Lankford asked that the charges be dismissed. He said he spoke with Pierce, and Pierce has four children and has problems with child

care.

Judge Green ordered a bench warrant for Pierce telling Lankford that she must show up at least by the next morning (April 10).

**Jeffrey Glen McFall**, 26, who was arrested for domestic violence, had his pretrial exam adjourned/postponed until April 30.

**Jacqueline Nicole Roth**, 32, was arrested March 26 for possession of cocaine less than 25 grams and operating without a license. Under Michigan's Law 333.7411 for first-time offenders, Judge Green delayed sentencing for 1 year and returned 90% of her \$500 bond.

**Sumpter Township**

**Michael Lee Crane**, 37, was arrested by Sumpter Township police for operating while intoxicated-3<sup>rd</sup> and driving while license suspended.

Crane's court-appointed attorney Lankford asked the prosecutor to lessen the charge, but his request was denied. Crane was bound over to circuit court for an April 23 arraignment on the information.

**Daniel Neil Oliver**, 35, was arrested by Sumpter police on Feb. 10 for a felony, operating while intoxicated-3<sup>rd</sup>, and a driving while license suspended-2<sup>nd</sup> warrant from Jan. 17.

Oliver, who is known as a habitual offender, is being held in the Wayne County Jail. After waiving his preliminary exam, an arraignment on the information was scheduled for April 23 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

**Matthew Harrington Stiffler**, 45, was arrested in Sumpter for unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle on March 21. He was out on \$4,500 personal recognizance bond but did not show up for his preliminary exam. Judge Green issued a bench warrant for his arrest.

**City of Belleville**

**April Sibbitt** was due to be arraigned and have a pretrial exam for child abuse-4 and assault and battery. Sibbitt did not show up at court so Judge Green issued a bench warrant for her arrest.



Lang



Parton

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## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*The following are selected calls for VBT Police.*

### Sunday, April 6:

0145 – noise complaint, Oak Ln./I-94 N. Service  
0237 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, Denton Rd.  
0443 – noise complaint, E. Archwood Dr.  
0912 – disturbance, Oak Ln.  
0916 – larceny, Bentley Dr.  
1202 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1428 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
1433 – ATV/ORV complaint, Jackson St.  
1443 – malicious destruction of property, Rolan Meadows  
1457 – fight, Alden Ave.  
1546 – juvenile complaint, America  
1601 – private property accident, Van Born  
1622 – ATV/ORV complaint, Ashbury Dr./Denton  
1623 – water leak found, Beck  
1729 – private property accident, Meijer Gas  
1749 – breaking & entering, Holly Ln.  
1820 – disorderly conduct, Andover Dr.  
1827 – noise complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.  
1912 – disorderly conduct, Belleville  
2028 – missing person, Quirk Rd.  
2040 – intimidation threat, Belleville Rd.  
2133 – assault & battery, Lindsey Dr.  
2143 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2147 – juvenile complaint, Greenbriar Dr.

### Monday, April 7:

0122 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0614 – larceny from auto, Vernon St.  
1043 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1131 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood Dr.  
1137 – narcotics crime, Sawgrass Ct.  
1346 – larceny from auto, Greenwood Dr.  
1441 – private property accident, Van Born  
1557 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1601 – private property accident, Samuel Barton  
1837 – intimidation threat, Savage Rd.  
1912 – larceny, Comfort Inn  
2111 – suspicious person, Beck/Tyler

### Tuesday, April 8:

0153 – larceny from auto, N. Purple Save Ct.  
0324 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Riggs  
0724 – odor investigation, McBride Ave.  
1315 – assault & battery, Brookside Dr.  
1330 – larceny, Bentley Dr.  
1625 – private property accident, Rawsonville  
1749 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1758 – private property accident, Westlake  
1835 – larceny, McBride Ave.  
1902 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler  
1938 – assault & battery, Chatsworth Dr.  
1950 – larceny, Village Green Ln.  
2035 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.  
2035 – disturbance, Meadows Cir.  
2203 – missing person, Quirk Rd.  
2253 – suspicious vehicle, Valero

### Wednesday, April 9:

0517 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.  
0614 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.  
1034 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1132 – private property accident, Belleville  
1215 – private property accident, Van Born Rd.  
1245 – larceny, Bemis Rd.  
1401 – narcotics crime, Denton Rd.  
1547 – dumping complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1656 – intimidation threat, Renton Rd.  
1731 – suspicious person, Edgedale Dr.  
1752 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born rd.  
1857 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
1954 – shots fired, Michigan Ave.

### Thursday, April 10:

0815 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.  
0946 – malicious destruction of property, Ironwood Dr.  
1050 – malicious destruction of property, Denton  
1248 – property damage accident, Park Estates  
1329 – mental, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1649 – breaking & entering, McBride Ave.  
1823 – fraud, Country Walk  
1929 – juvenile complaint, Arborview Ln.

### Friday, April 11:

0703 – mental, Bradley Dr.  
0732 – private property accident, Rawsonville  
0805 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0859 – larceny from auto, Alba Ct.  
1011 – larceny from auto, Harmony Ln.  
1127 – larceny from auto, Lakeview Ct.  
1253 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1430 – harassment call, Metro PCS  
1435 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Bemis Rd.  
1508 – intimidation threat, Parkwood Manor  
1539 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Haggerty  
1554 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275  
1639 – ATV/ORV complaint, Savage/Wildbrook  
1656 – property damage accident, Haggerty/I-94  
1700 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94  
1728 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

1743 – assault & battery, Sylvia Dr.  
1809 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1812 – juvenile complaint, Sawgrass Ct.  
2020 – larceny, McBride Ave.

2044 – missing person, Quirk  
2228 – noise complaint, W. Archwood  
2245 – disturbance, Oak Ln.  
2332 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.

### Saturday, April 12:

0054 – suicide or attempt, Castell  
0704 – arrest assist, Denton Rd.  
0837 – malicious destruction of property, Tavistock Dr.  
0951 – missing person, Madison Dr.  
0957 – lake complaint, Harmony Ln.  
1032 – intimidation threat, Rose Blvd.  
1043 – juvenile complaint, Tompkins St.  
1053 – hold up alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
1240 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1255 – dumping complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

1346 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1414 – breaking & entering, Ayres Ave.  
1531 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty  
1713 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

1716 – missing person, Village Green Ln.  
1754 – shots fired, Ecorse Rd.  
1957 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2031 – breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.  
2056 – mental, Meadows Ct.  
2058 – noise complaint, Park Estates

Also on this week's log are 182 traffic stops, with 23 of those on the I-94 freeway.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, April 6:

0029 – suspicious vehicle, 5 Points  
0140 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
1004 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.  
1107 – animal complaint, Biggs Ave.  
1133 – alarm intrusion, Sumpter Rd.  
1405 – trespassing, Main St./N. Liberty St.  
1557 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1752 – miscellaneous complaint, Savage/Sheldon  
1906 – follow-up, Martz  
2159 – agency assist, Sumpter Rd./Montague Ave.

### Monday, April 7:

0002 – disturbance, W. Columbia Ave.  
0131 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
0928 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1031 – suspicious person, Sumpter Rd.  
1135 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.  
1138 – assault & battery, McBride  
1453 – driving under the influence, S. Edgemont Ave. / E. Huron River Dr.  
1543 – fraud, Main St.

### Tuesday, April 8:

0249 – suspicious vehicle, Bay Pointe Dr.  
0906 – information, Light Tower Ct.  
1124 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.  
1200 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen  
1346 – miscellaneous complaint, Victoria Commons  
1430 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1920 – property damage accident, 5<sup>th</sup> St./Main  
2028 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
2103 – warrant arrest, Main St.

### Wednesday, April 9:

0220 – suspicious person, Main St./High St.  
1143 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.  
1150 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1424 – private property accident, Secretary of State  
1820 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2004 – disturbance, S. Liberty St.

### Thursday, April 10:

0028 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
0756 – vehicle lockout, E. Thornhill Ct.  
1045 – juvenile complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.  
1222 – warrant arrest, Horizon Park  
2006 – warrant arrest, Main St.

### Friday, April 11:

0809 – assault & battery, Owen St./Sumpter Rd.  
0926 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Sumpter Rd.  
1103 – sexual assault, Carmell St.  
1132 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.  
1217 – private property accident, A&W  
1239 – domestic assault, Main St.  
1355 – weapons violation, W. Columbia Ave.  
1946 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.  
2240 – assist fire dept., Oxford Ct.

### Saturday, April 12:

0310 – vehicle repossession, Loza Ln.  
0344 – suspicious person, Lohr  
0919 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
1409 – family trouble, Henry St.  
1432 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
1440 – ATV/ORV complaint, Aberdeen  
1442 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.  
1854 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
2014 – property check, Main St.  
2131 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.  
2237 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Angola St.

2252 – assist fire dept., E. Waterbury Ct.  
Also on this week's log are 43 traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, April 6:

0221 – warrant arrest, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0411 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1238 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1331 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sherwood  
1816 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2047 – shots fired, New Mexico

### Monday, April 7:

0815 – civil dispute, Texas  
1004 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1353 – warrant arrest, out of township  
1646 – trespassing complaint, New Mexico  
2127 – larceny, Nevada

### Tuesday, April 8:

0026 – fire dept. assist, Birch  
0704 – animal complaint, Willow/Haggerty  
0855 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty  
0905 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Haggerty  
0944 – harassment complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis  
1209 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1309 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1336 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1350 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Haggerty  
2004 – threats complaint, E. Arizona  
2106 – larceny, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

### Wednesday, April 9:

0804 – missing person report, 45000 bl. Judd  
1111 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Sumpter  
1310 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1415 – animal complaint, 9300 bl. Rawsonville  
1821 – breaking & entering report, Mulberry  
1826 – harassment complaint, 21000 bl. Haggerty  
1859 – accidental damage report, Wyoming  
1917 – civil dispute, Texas  
2047 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2336 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

### Thursday, April 10:

0731 – animal complaint, Willow/Karr  
0758 – well-being check, Edgewood  
1026 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1124 – mental health commitment, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1214 – animal bite, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1216 – citizen assist, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1304 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Bemis  
1354 – alarm, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.  
1412 – civil dispute, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
1624 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1627 – assist other agency, 12000 bl. Rawsonville  
1805 – ORV complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1925 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
2332 – suspicious vehicle, Pecan

### Friday, April 11:

0058 – flee & elude, Rawsonville/Willis  
0255 – noise complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0323 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0420 – mental health commitment, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.

0938 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos  
1007 – larceny, Rustic Lane  
1122 – suspicious incident, Pecan  
1148 – mental health commitment, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1212 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1319 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1540 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1543 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Willow  
1550 – neighbor dispute, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1601 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1753 – fire dept. assist, Birch  
2334 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter

/ Bemis

### Saturday, April 12:

0024 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0352 – animal complaint, 7000 bl. Oakville Waltz  
0819 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.  
0823 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1343 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1715 – alarm, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1826 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1856 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1906 – well-being check, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1924 – reckless driver complaint, 45000 bl. Harris  
2055 – shots fired, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
2137 – shots fired, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
2139 – operating while intoxicated, Oakville Waltz

/ Waltz

2148 – alarm, Montana  
2235 – family trouble, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2336 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week's log are 12 follow-up investigations, 39 miscellaneous details, 112 patrol checks, and 53 traffic stops.

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# School Board endorses RESA ballot proposal for 2 mill tax

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution asking Wayne RESA to put a 2-mill, 5-year property tax question on the Aug. 5 ballot for all of Wayne County voters.

School Supt. Michael Van Tassel said school districts are looking at how to get more funds for operations and they asked

Wayne RESA to put a regional enhancement millage proposal to the electors at the state primary election.

This is permitted by the Michigan School Code of 1976, as amended, if approved by a majority of the voters in the intermediate school district. In this area the intermediate school district is the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency: Wayne RESA.

The 2 mills are expected to raise \$80 million when first levied in 2014 and will be divided among the 33 school districts in Wayne County based on the number of students.

Van Buren Public Schools is expected to get about \$1.9 million of the total per year.

Supt. Van Tassel said it would be only fair to let the voters know in advance what the district is going to do with the enhancement funds and that will be worked out over the next weeks so it can be presented before the election.

"It's not free money," Van Tassel stressed. "We must remember it's actually coming out of the taxpayers' pockets in our district."

"It's on the August ballot, just like the library questions," said board Vice-President Martha Toth. "I sure would hate to put us in competition with them."

"I don't think we should shy away," said Treasurer Sherry Frazier. "I want a library ... but if it [the enhancement millage] did go through it would help the children in the whole community."

## Administrative raises

In a related financial matter, Treasurer Sherry Frazier asked that the agenda item "Contract Renewals for Cabinet" be removed from the consent agenda so it could be discussed.

The two-year administrative contracts were for Director of Instruction Diane Kullis, Director of Human Resources Shonta Langford-Green, and Director of

*"It's not free money. We must remember it's actually coming out of the taxpayers' pockets in our district."*

-- School Supt.

Michael Van Tassel

Plant Operations James A. Williams.

Kullis and Green will get \$110,000 for the 2014-15 school year and \$113,300 (3% step increase) for the 2015-16 school year.

Williams will get \$90,000 for the 2014-15 school year, with \$92,700 (3% step increase) for 2015-16.

Van Tassel said the salaries of cabinet members have been stagnant for many years and he had compared their salaries with other districts and found the VBPS salaries considerably lower.

"We don't want to lose them prematurely," he said. He said the Instruction and Human Resources salaries went up 4.7% over last year and then will go up 3% for 2015-16.

Van Tassel said it has been determined that after Williams gets certified, he will get a raise.

"It's embarrassing," said Toth. "We lose Ms. Moffitt and will have to pay someone else more to do the great job she did." She referred to the retirement of Director of Finance Karen Moffitt announced that evening.

Frazier pointed out that the teacher contract is not settled yet and people in the other bargaining units will say the board gave an increase to a few.

Van Tassel said contract negotiations for all the bargaining units were under way. He said that 58% of the teachers got a 9% raise this year.

In other business at the April 14 meeting, the board:

- Honored Gene Taylor on his retirement as Belleville Police Chief and thanked him for his service to the schools over the past 37 years;

- Accepted the retirements of Director of Finance Karen Moffitt after 2.5 years of service as of June 30 and Sandra Fields as Lunchroom Supervisor after 13.5 years of service as of March 10;

- Approved the purchase of electronic signs for Tyler Elementary and Owen Intermediate schools at a total cost of \$38,190 from the 2014 Sinking Fund. Curb Appeal Concepts was the low bidder of five;

- Approved mechanical controls system upgrades in the amount of \$66,553 from the 2014 Sinking Fund for Rawsonville and Edgemont Schools. Low bidder of three was Control Net;

- Heard a legislative funding update from Director of Finance Karen Moffitt. She reported current proposals for education from the governor, senate, and house;

- Approved 2013-14 budget amendments as outlined by Moffitt, which expects a \$4,620,024 fund balance as of June 30;

- Heard a report on educational programs at Rawsonville Elementary from Principal Karensa Smith and two staff members;

- Approved the Carnegie Learning Common Core Algebra II course beginning in the 2014-15 school year, at a cost of about \$29,711.90. The students have completed Carnegie Learning Algebra I and Geometry courses and teachers and administrators agreed they should continue in this rigorous coursework; and

- Went into closed-door session to discuss contract negotiations.

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